

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Interview dated 7/19/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 11-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 09/12/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 07202005
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Meera Narasihman on 7/19/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 10. Cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 11, line 1, change "10" to --14--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "10" to --11--.

Claim 13. unchanged.

Add claim 14 as follows:

-- 14. A system comprising a device for immovably installing a means of attachment (1) of one or several return springs (2) of a Jacquard weaving machine comprising at least two fixed installing elements (13) for installing retaining means (4), the installing elements (13) comprising one or several recesses for applying the retaining means (4) further comprising, in combination, a device for exerting a return force on at least one harness element of the harness of a Jacquard weaving machine, comprising at least one return spring (2) provided with the means of attachment (1) for attaching the return spring (2) to the retaining means (4) immovably provided, the means of attachment (1) comprising a positioning opening (6) for positioning the means of attachment (1) with respect to the retaining means (4), and a fixing opening (7) for fixing the means of attachment (1) to the

retaining means (4), a spring connection (8) being provided between the positioning opening (6) and the fixing opening (7) enabling the means of attachment (1) to move from the positioning opening (6) to the fixing opening (7) with respect to the retaining means (4), but after having been fixed with respect to the retaining means (4) the means of attachment being unable to move back from the fixing opening (7) to the positioning opening (6) during operation or transport of the Jacquard machine. - -

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: independent claims 1, 14 and the respective dependent claims are allowed. Claim 1 requires a novel device for exerting a return force on at least one harness element of the harness of a Jacquard weaving machine. The device includes specific springs means, retaining means and specific operational and location requirements not taught in the prior art. Claim 14 requires a system the includes the device of claim 1 and a device for immovably installing a means of attachment of one or several return springs to the device of claim 1, comprising at least two fixed installing elements for installing retaining means, the installing elements comprising one or several recesses for applying the retaining means.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

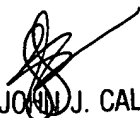
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert H. Muromoto, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4991. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-530, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on 703-305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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